REGISTER OF
CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	03 December 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Jeff
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Star Distributor
Author:	Not Stated
Format:	Book
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book entitled *Jeff* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication presents coercion in association with sexual conduct, degrading and dehumanising descriptions of young men and sexual conduct of a degrading and dehumanising nature. Three young men are described throughout the publication as subservient to older, more powerful men who act variously as the young men's patrons and slave masters. One young man is sexually threatened on a number of occasions with vivid descriptions of near rape. Another is degraded when he is dressed in bondage clothing and bindings and placed before two men. These men insert various objects into the younger man's anus causing him discomfort and distress. He is required to fellate one of the men during this and then is subjected to anal intercourse with both men. The sexual conduct is described in a manner which highlights its degrading and dehumanising nature, while the young man is presented in a degraded and dehumanised manner. The third young man is discarded by one of the older men and then taken up by another. This patron humiliates the young man by making him sport for his friends. The sexual conduct described is of a degrading and dehumanising nature while the man is clearly degraded and dehumanised by this conduct. The publication is intended to be used for sexual arousal.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) has been considered in determining the classification for this publication. Section 14 of the NZBR Act does apply to this publication. However, because of the significant weighting given to the detailed and lengthy descriptions of coercion in association with sexual activity and sexual activity of a degrading and dehumanising nature which degrades and dehumanises the young men, the availability of the publication is considered likely to be injurious to the public good. Therefore the restriction on the availability of the publication is a reasonable limit prescribed by law and is demonstrably justified.

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